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AN / TO Mr Tony Franco	TELEFAX / FAX +0044 1932 848 660
FIRMA / COMPANY Drummond Coal Ltd. UK	TELEFON / FON
BETREFF / REFERENCE Purchase Confirmation	SEITEN GESAMT PAGES 2

Dear Tony,

We confirm our yesterday's transaction having bought from you as follows:

Quantity / Quality: 2 cargoes, each 150.000 mt / +- 10 %
Drummond Columbian Coal with the
following specification on as received basis

Total moisture: 12-14 % (max. 15 %)

Ash: 6-11 %

Sulphur: 0,6-0,8 % (max. 1 %)

Volatiles: 32-39 %

Net calorific value: 6.000 kcal / kg
(5.825 kcal / kg min.)

Price: \$ / mt 123,60 FOB trimmed
Puerto Drummond, based on
a net CV of 6.000 kcal / kg
with pro rata adjustment

Delivery: each one cargo in first and
second half 2009. Exact
loading dates still to be
narrowed

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Handelsregister B 10521

Bankverbindung
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Please let us have your formal contact draft as soon as possible.

Once again we thank you for the deal and we look forward to a good co-operation in the future.

Kind regards,

Evonik Trading GmbH

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Quantity / Quality: 2 cargoes, each 150.000 mt / +- 10 %
 Drummond Columbian Coal with the
 following specification on as received basis

Total moisture: 12-14,5 % (max. 17 %)

Ash: 6-11 %

Sulphur: 0,6-0,8 % (max. 1 %)

Volatiles: 32-39 %

Net calorific value: 6.000 kcal / kg
 (5.825 kcal / kg min.)

Price: \$ /mt 121,00 FOB trimmed
 Puerto Drummond, based on
 a net CV of 6.000 kcal / kg
 with pro rata adjustment

Delivery: each one cargo in first
 and second half 2010.
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Dear Tony,

We confirm our today's transaction having bought from you as follows:

Quantity / Quality: 4 cargoes, each 150.000 mt / +- 10 %
Drummond Colombian Coal with the
following specification on as received basis

Total moisture: 12-14,5 % (max. 17 %)

Ash: 6-11 %

Sulphur: 0,6-0,8 % (max. 1 %)

Volatiles: 32-39 %

Net calorific value: 6.000 kcal / kg
(5.825 kcal / kg min.)

Price: \$ /mt 135,00 FOB trimmed
Puerto Drummond, based on
a net CV of 6.000 kcal / kg
with pro rata adjustment

Delivery: each one cargo in each quarter 2010.
Exact loading dates still to be narrowed

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